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SUBJECT:

Outstanding Petitions Awaiting Decision for

Correction of Inventorship

Since you do not receive a copy of the PALM report which pertains to petitions to correct inventorship rendered by your Group, a copy thereof is attached hereto. It is noted that the PALM report discloses that there is an outstanding petition which has not been acted upon, or, if acted upon, has not been entered into PALM. This case should be obtained and appropriate action taken on the petition to correct inventorship. If the petition has already been acted upon, then the decision rendered and date mailed should be entered into PALM in order to clear this petition from the report.

Attachment: Copy of PALM Report relating to Petitions to Correct Inventorship

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REEXAMINATION

DECISION

A substantial new question of patentability affecting claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 13 of United States Patent Number 4,282,233 to Villani is raised by the request for reexamination.

The request indicates that requester considers the following claims to be unpatentable over the indicated prior art:

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 12 and 13 are considered to be invalid under 35 U.S.C. §

103 over Casy in view of Witiak and Kupchan;

Claims 5 and 7 are considered to be invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Villani (C5 1972) in view of Witiak and Kupchan;

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, 12 and 13 are also *prima facie* invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Casy and Protiva;

Claims 5 and 7 are also *prima facie* invalid under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Villani and Protiva.

It is agreed that the references of Casy, Villani (1972), Witiak, Kupchan and Protiva raise a substantial new question of patentability as presented supra. Casy

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and Villani (C5 1972) disclose methyl piperidylidene azadibenzo cycloheptene histamine antagonist compounds, which are structurally similar to the compounds of the patent ('233). Witiak discloses investigations of certain antihistamines adsorption, distribution and metabolic fate. Kupchan discloses the evaluation of certain derivatives of normeperidine as potential analgesics, including the N-methyl derivative and the N-ethoxycarbonyl derivative. Protiva discloses the chemistry of a number of tricyclic antihistamine compounds. The references relate to compounds that are structurally similar to the compounds of the instant claims (Casy and Villani) and to other compounds and considerations involving pharmaco-chemical aspects of antihistamines and as such raise a substantial new question of patentability for claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 13 of the Villani patent 4,282,233. Claims 3, 6, 8, 10 and 11 of Villani 4,282,233 will also be reexamined along with claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12 and 13.

Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) will not be permitted in these proceedings because the provisions of 37

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CFR 1.136 apply only to "an applicant" and not to parties in a reexamination proceeding. Accordingly, Office policy requires that reexamination proceedings "will be conducted with special dispatch" (37 CFR 1.550(a)) and provides for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings as set forth in 37 CFR 1.550(c).

RAMSUER; aco June 14, 1999 June 15, 1999 Robert W. Ramsner Art Unit 1613